



Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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76 Missouri Counties Receive Federal Help for Tornado Damages

As of June 5, FEMA has approved disaster assistance for 76 Missouri Counties following the May 6 tornadoes. The break down is: 45 Counties have been declared for Individual Assistance Only; 29 Counties have been approved for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance; and 2 Counties have been declared for Public Assistance Only.

Counties declared for Individual Assistance are: Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Bollinger, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Iron, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Osage, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Scott, Shelby, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Vernon, Washington, and Webster.

Counties declared for Public Assistance for Infrastructure Damages are: Barton, Bollinger, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Crawford, Dallas, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Lewis, Maries, Miller, Oregon, Osage, Pike, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Scott and Washington.

Officials Submit Disaster Public Assistance Applications ASAP!

Emergency Management Directors remind your officials (County, City, road districts, schools, non-profits) to submit the public assistance applications immediately. The deadline is today for the first declared PA counties (**Barton, Camden, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Dallas, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lawrence, Platte and Polk**).

Deadlines are fast approaching for add on counties to get your Disaster Public Assistance applications submitted.

For questions contact SEMA's Alan Prenger at (573) 526-9114, Don Carter at (573) 526-9221, or Steve Besemer at (573) 526-9232. You may fax your projects to Alan at SEMA at (573) 634-7966 or (573) 526-9193.

Hazard Mitigation Proposals Wanted!

As a result of DR-1463, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds will be available for eligible mitigation activities. SEMA is sending a letter next week to all of the elected officials and emergency management directors notifying them of the availability of these funds and asking them to submit proposals if they are interested in pursuing mitigation activities with these funds.

Disaster Recovery Center for Victims

Seven Disaster Recovery Centers remain open to help citizens who suffered damages from the May Tornadoes. Many of the Disaster Recovery Centers have telephones for citizens to call the FEMA toll free registration number to get the application process started – that number is 1-800-621-FEMA. If a citizen has already registered with the 800 number, they can go to the Disaster Recovery Center for more personalized assistance.

The Disaster Recovery Centers are located at:

- Closes June 12 - Antioch Mall, Northland Neighborhood, 5312 N. E. Chouteau Trafficway, Kansas City.
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, South Highway 39, Stockton.
- Old First National Bank, 108 S. Hickory, Mt. Vernon.
- Christian Church, 103 Hodge Street, Carl Junction.
- National Guard Armory, 224 W. Park, Jackson.
- United Methodist Church, 601 Washington St., Canton.
- Redeemer Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1620 Boyd Street. DeSoto.

Department of Insurance Visits Disaster Recovery Centers

Missouri Department of Insurance (MDI) Director Scott B. Lakin said consumer service representatives will counsel victims of the state's May tornadoes at Disaster Recovery Centers. Lakin said he is deploying counseling staff to the tornado areas after a pilot visit in Battlefield found that many consumers found the personal, one-on-one counseling valuable. After a major storm, MDI initially tends to help consumers with problems relating to claims filing with agents and companies. After four to six weeks, the state agency begins receiving formal complaints about settlement offers and adjustment practices.

Based on a survey of 30 leading home and auto insurers in Missouri, MDI has projected about \$400 million in damage to more than 60,000 state policyholders, not counting damage to public facilities and property covered by county insurance mutuals.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance

The Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announces that individuals who are unemployed due to the recent severe spring storms and tornadoes may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance (DUA). Individuals who need to file a claim should call (800) 788-4002 as soon as possible.

June 11 is the deadline to file for DUA for individuals in Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Franklin, Jefferson, Perry, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, Scott, Stoddard, and Washington Counties.

June 19 is the deadline to file for DUA for individuals in Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Clark, Cole, Howard, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Moniteau, Montgomery, Osage, Pike, Ralls, Randolph and Shelby Counties.

July 7 is the deadline to file for DUA for individuals in Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Iron, Monroe and Phelps Counties.

Donations Telephone Numbers Help Missouri Tornado Victims

There are three locations for citizens wishing to donate items or services to help Missouri tornado victims. Call one of the following three areas **BEFORE SENDING DONATIONS**. Anyone wishing to donate time is encouraged to volunteer as a part of a previously organized group and should **call the center prior to the date they wish to volunteer.**

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI – call the South West Missouri Donations Center at 1-800-489-818, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WESTERN MISSOURI - call the Help Line (Salvation Army) at (816) 221-1525, Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

EASTERN MISSOURI - call the Salvation Army at (314) 771-7366 Monday – Friday between 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

HS Response Team Decontamination Units Arrive!

SEMA Operations Branch Chief James Wakeman announced that all decontamination units for the 23 Regional Homeland Security Response teams have been delivered. SEMA ordered and delivered 18 medium units, one large unit and four small portable units.

\$10.8 Million Domestic Preparedness Grant Approved

The Department of Homeland Security approved Missouri's \$10,834,000 Domestic Preparedness Grant. The grant will increase Missouri State Agencies and established Regional Homeland Security Response Teams capability to prevent terrorist attacks involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive (CBRNE) devices. SEMA will provide domestic preparedness equipment directly to newly identified homeland security response teams. The established teams will receive sub-grants to purchase specialized equipment to augment their local Homeland Security Strategy.

Missouri's established Regional Homeland Security Response Teams are:

Region A - Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Tri-District Fire Protection District, Northland Fire Chiefs Association (sponsored by Clay County), Sedalia/Pettis County and Johnson County;

Region B - Kirksville/Adair County and City of Hannibal;

Region C - St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County, St. Charles County and Franklin County;

Region D – Branson/Taney County; Joplin/Jasper County; Springfield/Greene County/Logan-Rogersville; City of Nevada;

Region E – Southeast Missouri Hazmat (located in City of Jackson); City of Kennett; City of Poplar Bluff;

Region F – Camdenton/Camden County; Jefferson City/Cole County; City of Columbia, Boone County;

Region G – City of West Plains

Region H – Northwest Missouri Hazmat (sponsored by Andrew County);

Region I – Rolla/Phelps County; City of Lebanon

St. Louis, Kansas City Receive Urban Homeland Security Grants

The Cities of St. Louis and Kansas City **with their contiguous counties and mutual aid partners** will receive Department of Homeland Security grants to protect urban areas with high-density population areas and critical infrastructure. The City of St. Louis area will receive \$9.85 million; and the City of Kansas City area will receive \$9.69 million.

St. Louis and Kansas City are two of 30 major cities and their contiguous counties and mutual aid partners for whom the Department of Homeland Security grants. The funds can be used for operational activities conducted during the heightened alert level from January 2003 through April 2003, critical infrastructure security, training, exercises, equipment purchases, and information sharing.

Heat & Lightening Awareness Campaign on SEMA Home Page

The Heat and Lightening Awareness Campaign for June 22-28 is posted to the SEMA homepage. You can download the National Weather Service's "Heat Safety Week" information, three draft news releases or two camera-ready brochures. In light of the state budget crisis, the campaign will not be mailed this year.

Homeland Security Council Update

Governor Holden attended the Missouri Security Council Meeting at the State Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Operations Center. According to Missouri Homeland Security Advisor, Tim Daniel, Missouri has four critical homeland security missions – Health & Well Being, Borders & Transportation, First Responder Capabilities, and Critical Asset Protection.

Department of Health & Senior Services Deputy Director Ron Cates and SEMA's Operations Branch Chief Jim Wakeman gave updates on Federal Homeland Security Grants. Health received \$19.8 Million in FY02 and will receive \$26 Million in FY03. SEMA has or will receive close to \$59 Million since FY'99. The money has been used to establish and purchase equipment for the 28 established regional Homeland Security Response Teams and future teams, update state & local plans, establish 53 CERT Teams and 21 Citizen Corps Councils, EOC assessments for the SEOC and five local EOCs. Funds for FY'03 will allow SEMA to expand the state's response capabilities, establish additional regional teams, support the CERT program, and allow the 27 teams to purchase equipment, continue strategic planning, training and exercises.

The Governor heard and approved recommendations from the following committees: Critical Asset Protection, Cyber Security, Regionalization, Planning & Exercises, Intelligence & Warnings, Business Continuity, Homeland Security Advisory System, and Continuity of Critical Sectors (Utilities). Homeland Security Advisor Tom Ridge wants each state to complete a statewide strategic plan by December.

Safe Room Pilot Mitigation Project – Habitat for Humanity

SEMA proposed and FEMA approved a Safe Room Hazard Mitigation Project to build 10 safe rooms in new Habitat for Humanity home in North Kansas City. The pilot project grant is for \$20,000. FEMA will fund \$15,000 and Habitat for Humanity will build the homes as a soft match. Construction for eight of the homes begins June 5. The remaining two homes will be constructed at a later date this summer. The pilot mitigation project will show the cost effectiveness of building safe rooms during new housing construction.

Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) Grant

Earlier this year, Missouri received a Homeland Security grant for the purpose of updating and revising Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOPs) using an all hazards approach to emergency management with special emphasis on planning for a terrorist WMD event. Through competitive bid process, The Louis Berger Group, Inc., has been selected as the contractor for this project. We are pleased to announce that all 159 jurisdictions that were included in the proposal will be funded. SEMA staff held the initial meeting with The Louis Berger Group on May 27th to discuss the process of updating the local emergency operations plans.

On Thursday, June 5, an informational letter was sent to those jurisdictions that selected the option to use the services of the contractor. Upon approval by each jurisdiction of their proposed LEOP work plan from The Louis Berger Group, the contractor will begin work on updating each LEOP. For those jurisdictions that selected the option to accept the funds in lieu of using the state identified contractor, a letter will be sent to them on Monday, June 9 explaining their next step.

All LEOP updates must be completed by December 31, 2003.